

DETECTIVE SEEKS BANK DEFAULTER

C. H. Harris, a Dewey Mining Man, Is Accused of Being an Absconding Bank Cashier.

(From Sunday's Daily)

Operating for the past seven months the quartz claims known as the Wire Gold, in the Dewey district, and while treading the primrose path at frequent intervals, C. H. Harris is now a fugitive from justice, being a bank embezzler of North Dakota, according to the story told by Detective W. C. Dannenberg, of Chicago, who has been in Prescott for the past two days. Harris and the detective crossed each others path at Ash Fork on Wednesday but the sleuth did not know his quarry had blown until after he had reached here and been to Dewey. Harris is said to be a defaulter to the extent of \$6,000.

Had not Dannenberg been so eager to make a grand stand play by landing his prey unaided, Harris would now be behind the bars. On the contrary, he arrived in Prescott on Wednesday night and without acquainting any of the officers of his mission, went next morning to Dewey and drove out to the property. Here he learned that Harris and his father-in-law, W. H. Lamb, had left the camp, and were presumably in Prescott. Then Dannenberg hastened to the telegraph office and wired Sheriff Smith to arrest Harris. But the birds had already flown, and besides the sheriff had never heard of Dannenberg, and did not know what authority he had to make such a request without a warrant being issued. The detective came into town on the evening train and explained what he was after, and admitted that he had made a mistake in not consulting with that official immediately upon his arrival, in which case Smith could have apprehended the fugitive by wire on the main line of the Santa Fe that night. He told Smith that at Ash Fork he saw a man buying two tickets for Mexico, and giving him the description. Smith informed him that the man was Lamb and that Harris was undoubtedly secluding himself around the depot. Friday morning the detective left Prescott and took up the trail. He was very uncommunicative with the sheriff and did not enter into details of the alleged defalcation, except to say that the crime was committed a year ago and that the amount appropriated was about \$6,000.

Lamb is also in trouble and was under arrest at Humboldt last Monday. He and his son-in-law, Harris, have been working under lease the Wire Gold claims for the past seven months. Lamb was the general manager and Harris was the superintendent in charge of the force of men employed. Except for the frequent spears of Harris, matters went smoothly until August 7, when Lamb issued checks on the Blackwell National bank of Oklahoma to meet the payroll. They aggregated \$800 and were dated a month ahead, on September 8. The men attempted to cash these checks at Humboldt but the merchants there refused to honor them. Then the miners had Lamb arrested under the new law which makes it a misdemeanor to draw a check on a bank on which the drawer has no funds to his credit. He was arraigned Monday before Justice Francis at Humboldt and made the plausible explanation that he understood Harris had "fixed" the men, and that they understood that there would be no funds in the bank until September 8, the date which he had written on the checks. He blamed all of his trouble on Harris and promised that if action was suspended by the court that he would go to Oklahoma and secure enough money by selling stock in the Squaw Peak Mining company to redeem the worthless paper. As Lamb's personal record in the district had heretofore been excellent, Justice Francis was disposed to leniency, and accordingly agreed to give him his liberty provided he furnished \$500 bonds to insure his appearance at the trial which was fixed for September 5. Accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Campbell, he went to Dewey and J. C. Gilbert readily consented to become one of the bonds-men. Then with Judge Francis the four came to Prescott and R. H. Burmister agreed to become the other surety. Attorney John Mason Ross, who was consulted by Lamb upon his arrival here, was so impressed with his appearance of honesty, that he voluntarily offered to stand one-half of any loss that might fall upon Mr. Burmister. Harris and Lamb told the story about their ability to straighten out matters by returning to Oklahoma

and selling stock, and to make the play good. Harris came to the Journal-Miner office and ordered a supply of stock certificates and a corporation seal. They were never called for. The next Monday Lamb induced R. H. Burmister to cash a check for \$50 on the Blackwell National bank in order to secure funds to pay his fare to Oklahoma. Burmister now knows he was stung as the detective subsequently informed him that Lamb had no funds in that financial institution.

That Lamb and Harris planned to leave the country stealthily, is now believed by their actions on Wednesday morning. Harris went alone to the depot, his wife at another time, while Lamb slipped on the train later and took a seat in another car from his companions.

These actions would not have been so suspicious had not Detective Dannenberg dropped into town later, and stated that Harris was a defaulting bank cashier. He showed the picture of the fugitive to Mr. Burmister and the latter at once recognized him as the late superintendent of the Squaw Peak Mining company. Harris, the detective says, is a fictitious name.

KIRKLAND VALLEY TO VOTE ON SALOONS

(From Sunday's Daily)

After mature deliberation and a general canvass of the situation, the initial move toward a local option election was announced yesterday by Grant Carter, who reached Prescott from Kirkland valley.

Mr. Carter says that it has been decided to take this matter to the polls, and in a few days he, and others of that section, will formally make application for authority from the board of supervisors to hold the election.

The zone they desire to place in the dry column will be Kirkland and Peoples valley, the Zonia mining camp and the Placitas. The four above named places are divided in the character of the pursuits followed, Peoples and Kirkland being distinctively farming, while the Zonia and the Placitas districts are mining fields.

In discussing this matter Mr. Carter says that the basis of the movement is due to the reopening of the saloon at Kirkland. No hard feeling whatever is expressed against the liquor interests and no spite work of any character is behind the effort to have this election occur. He says that it has been contemplated for some months, and the movement is supported by a unanimous sentiment among the men, women and children of the section to wipe out the liquor business.

Elections on prohibition questions heretofore held in this county were at the Verde valley, which failed to carry, under the old law requiring a two-thirds majority, and at Copper Creek, on the Santa Maria, which went practically unanimously for the dyes. The latter district is at present in the dry column, and if the Kirkland section should also fall in line, a strip of country approximately 60 miles long by from 10 to 15 miles wide will come under the ban of the prohibition wave.

DEAR KILLS DEER.

PASADENA, Cal., Aug. 14.—Green Kessler, a young Los Angeles girl, while hunting in the hills nearby shot and killed a deer with a revolver today.

DESPONDENT—SUICIDED.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 14.—John B. Blank, head of a fidelity loan company, shot and killed himself at his home here today. He was despondent over a recent loss of \$21,000.

JUDGE HAWKINS WILL BOOM STATEHOOD

(From Sunday's Daily)

"I am going to Denver as a delegate from Yavapai county to the Trans-Mississippi congress that convenes Monday, for the specific purpose of doing everything in my power to advance the cause of statehood for Arizona, and I believe that the representatives of this organization will fall in line to a man to help us out in this great and patriotic movement."

Such was the statement made yesterday afternoon by Judge J. J. Hawkins as he entered the train en route to the Queen city. He said that he was pleased to learn from southern Arizona that its many counties were also inclined with the same spirit and would send a strong representation to place the matter before the organization. C. A. Peter, of the Bank of Arizona, preceded Mr. Hawkins, and he also said that the statehood question was the paramount issue.

Judge Hawkins said that the forthcoming session of this body was to be attended with many noteworthy questions affecting the west, but from what he could learn the statehood issue for the two territories was considered the most important and would receive prominence accordingly.

A strong resolution, Judge Hawkins believed, will be passed, and the matter fairly and effectively launched as an issue which the west will demand from congress when it convenes in December.

CROWNED KING MINE OFFERED FOR SALE

(From Sunday's Daily)

Yesterday was the day set for the sale of the famous Crowned King mine, under an order of the special master, R. A. Turner, but no bidders were present, and an adjournment was taken for 30 days.

The property was officially offered at public sale yesterday by G. Frank Harrington, the local receiver, who represented Mr. Turner. Attending the failure to receive a bid the belief is expressed that this mine will in all probability be sold at private sale before the expiration of the 30 days that has been allowed by receiver Harrington.

Under the rulings of the special master no less a bid than \$75,000 will be entertained for this mining ground, and pending its receipt through either a public sale or a private deal, the property will remain under its present ownership.

For several weeks extensive work has been going on at this property in the upper workings, the expense being borne by a syndicate of Colorado capitalists, who were desirous of making an examination with a view of purchasing the property at the sale. They were anxious to inspect the condition of the ground from the main tunnel to the surface workings, the lower levels being full of water and hard to reach in the limited time at their disposal.

Every interest in this old time and handsome mineral producer owned by Messrs. George P. Harrington, N. C. Sheekles and O. F. Place, has been absorbed through continuous litigation of over ten years, and they are not today in any manner whatever identified with the property. It was a fine producer up to that time but owing to unfortunate conditions was closed down and has remained inactive up to the present time.

The property enjoys an excellent name and miners familiar with its underground make up are emphatic in saying that if it is again operated, it will give a splendid account of itself. This belief is based on what is produced on the 500 foot level, where free ore was encountered that ran to over \$80,000 per ton, several sacks of this ore being taken out. This strike occurred in 1890, and some samples of the product may still be seen in Prescott.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

(From Sunday's Daily)

Hosier Cline, of Tonto Basin, while breaking branches on the old Wilder ranch was seriously injured on Friday afternoon while riding an "outlaw" horse. The animal reared and fell over with Cline under him. He was unconscious until yesterday morning when he seemed to recover but then relapsed into a semicomatose condition. The injured man has many friends in Prescott who will regret to hear of his unfortunate accident which it is believed will not result fatally. He is a cousin of Walter Cline, foreman of the L. L. Harmon ranch at Camp Wood.

GETS HER DIVORCE.

PUEBLO, Colo., Aug. 14.—Mrs. Carrie Bernard, wife of Sam Bernard, the millionaire mine owner, has been granted an absolute divorce.

The Social Mirror

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cadwallader Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Murphy were most delightful hosts on Wednesday evening when they entertained most of Prescott's young people at a very pleasant five hundred party. The rooms were prettily decorated with sweet peas and golden glow. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Murphy were assisted during the evening by the Misses Ruth Dutro, Helen Meany, Mary Stevens and Moore. After the serving of delicious refreshments the prizes for the evening were awarded, and Miss Fanny Thomas received a "Harrison Fisher" book for the first prize. Miss Alice Adams and Miss Florence Herndon each had the same number of slams and on the cut Miss Adams was awarded the prize. C. A. Peter, Jr. had the highest score for the gentlemen and George Thomas received the greatest number of slams. Those who thoroughly enjoyed the evening were Miss Lila Hawkins, Miss Blanche Kellie, Miss Annie Wagner, Miss Florence Herndon, Miss Charlotte Crane, Miss Alice Adams, Miss Florence Jones, Miss Martha Garret, Miss Helen Meany, Miss Vera Moore, Miss Minnie Davis, Miss Mamie Davis, Miss Louise Draper, Miss Emma Dutcher, Miss Piper, Miss Fanny Thomas, Miss Mabel Brislley, Miss Ruth Oliver, Miss Eleanor Sloan, Miss Helen Leslie, Miss Ann McKenzie, Miss Wren, Miss Ruth Williford, Miss Meta Dexter, Miss Edith Armitage, Miss Harriet Jean Oliver, and the Messrs. Richard Lamson, Clarence Robt, Doctor Clarence L. Cole, H. H. Linney, Charles Herndon, Doctor R. W. Graham, Fred C. Moore, George D. Morris, Frank Brown, Neil Clark, Leslie Derrick, Orleans Longene, Jr., Gary Vyne, Al Hoffman, G. E. Meany, W. D. Baker, George Thomas, David Russell, C. A. Peter, Jr., David Ling, Edward Lejune, Ray Vyne, McIntosh, C. E. Trux and Henry Adams.

Thursday afternoon Miss Mabel Brislley and Miss Dorothy Palmer were hostesses at a very charmingly appointed Japanese afternoon when they entertained a number of their friends very delightfully at the home of Miss Mabel Brislley, on South Pleasant street. All during the afternoon the young hostesses were assisted by Mrs. Guy G. Palmer and Mrs. Harry Brislley. The Brislley home had been very artistically decorated with Japanese palms and draperies. When the guests arrived they each were given a bag of candy beans and at the close of the afternoon the one having the most beans in her bag was given a hand-painted Japanese scene on rice paper. Each time she uttered a "yes" or "no" she had to give a bean to the questioner, and at the close of the afternoon Miss Fanny Thomas was given the prize. Miss Blanche Kellie received a prize—a brass vase—for having put a puzzle picture together in the shortest time. The young ladies were then given pieces of silk and told to make some fancy article, and there were such a lot of pretty things made, but after much study the prize was awarded Miss Mildred Sprague—a Japanese cup and saucer. Those who participated in this delightful afternoon were the Misses Florence Herndon, Blanche Kellie, Charlotte Crane, Mildred Sprague, Ethel Fisher, Helen McNeil, Bernice Brown, Fanny Thomas, Hazel Martin, Louise Nelson, Louise Draper, Vera McNulty, Irene Hesla, Beth Block, Mary Stevens and Lamyra Wilder.

Mrs. Frank M. Murphy was a hostess on Tuesday evening at a very delightful five hundred party given in honor of her guest, Miss Louise Draper. Mrs. Murphy was assisted during the evening by Miss Ruth Dutro. At the close of a very pleasant evening, and after the serving of delicious refreshments Miss Fanny Thomas was given the prize for the highest score, and Miss Mary Stevens received the prize for having the greatest number of slams. Mr. Leslie Derrick made the highest score for the gentlemen and the greatest number of slams was awarded Mr. Edward Lejune. Mrs. Murphy had as her guests Miss Fanny Thomas, Miss Maud Thomas, Miss Florence Herndon, Miss Charlotte Crane, Miss Blanche Kellie, Miss Marie Kahne, Miss Louise Draper, Miss Mary Stevens, Miss Helen Meany and the Messrs. Edward Lejune, Henry Adams, Gary Vyne, Leslie C. Derrick, Charles Robt, Neil Clark, George Thomas, Raymond Belcher and David Ling.

A most enjoyable hop was that of last Thursday evening given at the Yavapai Club. It was the first dance

given under the new regime of the new club and was a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Among those who enjoyed the music and the splendid floor were Mr. and Mrs. Frederick P. Ormice, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Anderson, Mrs. John J. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie B. Larimer, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hogue, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Shotwell, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kastner, Mrs. Thomas Nolan, Mrs. Frank M. Murphy, Mrs. J. C. Herndon, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Drescher, Miss Florence Jones, Miss Eleanor Sloan, Miss Alice Adams, Miss Ruth Williford, Miss Charlotte Crane, Miss Annie Wagner, Miss Blanche Kellie, Miss Florence Herndon, Miss Ruth Dutro, Miss Helen Meany, Miss Louise Draper, Miss Mary Jenkins, Miss Emma Chalmers, Miss Helen Fly, Miss Ruth Jessop, Miss Hazel Gold-berg, the Messrs. David Ling, Floyd Allen, Charles Robt, David Russell, Lieutenant Walter E. Talliaferro, C. A. Peter, Jr., Fred C. Moore, H. H. Linney, G. E. Meany, Doctor Clarence L. Cole, Edward Lejune, Henry Adams, R. S. Masson, Doctor R. W. Graham, Baxter and C. E. Trux.

Friday afternoon Mrs. O. A. Hesla was a hostess to the Friday club when she very pleasantly entertained Mrs. Paul P. Hastings, Mrs. J. C. Herndon, Mrs. Thomas G. Norris, Mrs. Hugo Richards, Mrs. Richard E. Sloan, Mrs. A. W. Edwards, Mrs. J. M. Watts and Mrs. Thomas C. Job.

Monday afternoon Miss Florence Jones was a hostess at a very jolly little sewing party, and those who enjoyed the afternoon were Miss Hazel Martin, Miss Maud Thomas, Miss Louise Nelson, Miss Emma Dutcher and Miss Mary Stevens.

Mrs. J. C. Herndon was a hostess on Tuesday afternoon when she very pleasantly entertained the Prescott Bridge club at her home on South Carter street. Mrs. Herndon has as her guests Mrs. Morris Goldwater, Mrs. Thomas G. Norris, Mrs. Paul P. Hastings, Mrs. Harry R. Tridle, Mrs. A. A. Edwards and Mrs. Ada Miller.

A very pleasant picnic to Groom Creek was enjoyed by a few friends on Friday afternoon when Miss Alice Adams, Miss Louise Draper, Miss Lila Hawkins, Miss Emma Dutcher and the Messrs. Edward Lejune and Henry Adams rode out horseback and after having a supper returned home late that evening.

Among the young men who attended the dance at Iron Springs from Prescott last Saturday evening were the Messrs. David Ling, Fred C. Moore, C. A. Peter, Jr., George D. Morris, Lieutenant Walter R. Talliaferro, Gary Vyne Whipple and Doctor R. W. Graham.

TERRITORIAL BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

(From Sunday's Daily)

PHOENIX, Ariz., Aug. 14.—The territorial board of equalization performed a hard day's work yesterday. The result of the work so far was the passing on two or three petitions to the board; the adoption of a resolution recommending and giving the board's support to a plan whereby the differences in litigation and otherwise between the Santa Fe railroad and the various northern counties may be amicably settled and the suits dismissed; the equalizing of property valuations in the respective counties and the calculation of the valuations in each, and the calculating of the entire valuation of the territory for purposes of taxation. In respect of the latter it is shown that the total valuation is \$83,746,403.96, less exempted property valued at \$1,062,341.40, leaving a net taxable valuation of \$82,684,062.56.

The proposed settlement between the Santa Fe railway interests and the counties is probably the most interesting feature of the board's work, and if it is accomplished, as now appears likely, it may be regarded as one of the most important. It is in the nature of a compromise involving the establishing of a fixed valuation on grant lands, higher than returned in some instances, lower than an unfair rate unavoidably made in equalizing on a former occasion; the reduction of the valuation on the improvements on the Grand Canyon Railroad company involving the El Tovar hotel; and the settlement of litigation, in which to date the territory has been worsted. The proposition comes from the railroad interests and

has been cut and trimmed to meet the ideas of both sides to the controversy, and it is believed the counties will readily act upon the recommendation of the board to accept the settlement. To set forth the nature of it a number of preceding historical facts must be recited.

In March, 1909, the exemption of the Grand Canyon railway expired by limitation, though at the June meeting the representatives of the company contended that the exemption should legally include this year. In 1907 and 1908 the property was assessed by the board on values obtained, probably from the assessor of Coconino county, and an attempt was made by Coconino county to collect the taxes by law, claiming that as the property came into the possession of the present owners by a foreclosure or forced sale and the present owners were not the ones originally enjoying the exemption they were not entitled to it. The case went to the supreme court of the territory twice, the railroad winning both times, and the case is now on the way to the supreme court of the United States.

The Western Railway of Mohave county, a short line running north from Kingman, is in exactly the same position, except that in this instance the suit brought by the county has never got beyond the district court of Mohave county, in which the judgment is pending.

In addition to these cases the Santa Fe has litigation in Apache and Navajo counties over the value of railroad grant lands in 1907 and 1908. In those counties the returns of the assessors were irregular, or rather inharmonious, and the territorial board, in order to equalize rates, raised all the lands a flat percentage. This raised the value beyond the actual value, bringing it up to 35 cents per acre.

This year, 1909, Apache, Navajo, Mohave and Yavapai have all returned these grant lands at 20 cents an acre. The railroad representatives say they are willing to pay on a valuation of 25 cents per acre, but the board cannot raise the valuations returned for it is an equalizing and not an assessing body, and there is no higher standard than 20 cents.

Representatives of the Santa Fe have therefore made an agreement in writing which is now in the hands of the attorney general, covering the details of a settlement of all the existing litigation in Apache, Navajo, Coconino and Mohave counties in which it is provided: That if the board will revise its assessment on the improvements of the Grand Canyon railway property to an equitable figure, and recommend to the boards of supervisors of Yavapai, Mohave, Navajo and Apache that they assess the railroad grant lands of the Santa Fe for 1909 at 25 cents per acre, the Santa Fe will pay the taxes without protest on the Western Railway of Mohave, the Grand Canyon railway in Coconino as fixed by the board for 1909, and will pay taxes in Navajo and Apache counties for the years 1907 and 1908 at 20 cents per acre, and the taxes in Mohave, Yavapai and Apache counties for 1909 at 25 cents per acre, and it is provided that the attorney general shall use his efforts with the Apache and Navajo county supervisors to obtain their consent to the compromise and secure the dismissal of the suits. The attorney general is also asked to use his efforts to withdraw the appeal in the Grand Canyon case now on the way to the United States supreme court and cause the dismissal of the suit in Mohave county against the Western Railway company and cause the cancellation of taxes assessed against the Western Railway company and the Grand Canyon Railway company for 1907 and 1908.

The board therefore reduced the valuation on the Grand Canyon railway improvements from \$168,500 to \$123,500. It also recommends action under this agreement, settling all litigation, the above facts showing the reason for the reduction of the valuation placed on the Grand Canyon railway improvements.

ST. LOUIS STILL SIZZLES.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 14.—Seven deaths and 38 prostrations from the heat were reported today. The temperature reached 96, two degrees cooler than yesterday. The fatalities for the three days number 17.

WISCONSIN CLOUDBURST.

LACROSSE, Wis., Aug. 14.—A cloudburst swept over this district today, washing out railroads, crippling telegraph and telephone lines and damaging farms.

MEXICAN MINE DISASTER.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Aug. 14.—A score of miners are reported to have been killed in a fire at the Camelia mine, in Real Delmonte, state of Hidalgo. Six bodies have been recovered.